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Subject: re: more re TRI research/query no longer works and provides the info required by statute

You sent me this:

I find this page a useful starting point: <http://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/tri-data-and-tools>

From this page

1. Click on the Envirofacts link
2. Use the search page to find the facility
3. If more than one facility is listed pick the TRI Facility Report to see graphs and charts or go to the right and click on the forms field to see form R

But there is still no place where I can find a display that shows the data that the TRI query used to show. (It used to be very user friendly, but now it is not.) This included the amounts released into the air per chemical (stack and fugitive emissions in separate listings), onto the land, transfers, and released into the water. This was shown for each year reported. The current version makes it virtually impossible to see what has improved, whether releases are accurately reported, and completely stymies citizen suit enforcement and scrutiny.

Is there a query method that still shows the data I am seeking on the EPA TRI website? It seems I am back to requesting every Form R ever filed for every year from the local (unresponsive) state agency and reviewing the paper files. Still looks like someone fixed something that wasn't broken, and now it is broken.

Per: 42 U.S. Code § 11023 - Toxic chemical release forms

(h) Use of release form

The release forms required under this section are intended to provide information to the Federal, State, and local governments and the public, including citizens of communities surrounding covered facilities. The release form shall be available, consistent with section 11044(a) of this title, to inform persons about releases of toxic chemicals to the environment; to assist governmental agencies, researchers, and other persons in the conduct of research and data gathering; to aid in the development of appropriate regulations, guidelines, and standards; and for other similar purposes.

(j) EPA management of data

The Administrator shall establish and maintain in a computer data base a national toxic chemical inventory based on data submitted to the Administrator under this section. The Administrator shall make these data accessible by computer telecommunication and other means to any person on a cost reimbursable basis.

Seems to me, after reading the statute, that until/unless the data that is on each Form R Report is on the EPA's TRI website and searchable, the statute is being violated.

Thanks,

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